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## Educational Resources

### Great Start to Quality

Navigating preschool enrollment can be difficult. If you are interested in registering your 3- or 4-year-old for preschool, check out the Great Start to Quality website for information about licensed programs in your area: <https://greatstarttoquality.org>

### Early Learning Neighborhood Collaborative (ELNC)

The Collaborative offers no-cost preschool to qualifying families. For more information: (616) 430-7318 or <https://www.elncgr.org/enrollment>

### Head Start for Kent County

Head Start is currently offering preschool enrollment for 3- and 4-year-olds. Register your child online at <https://hs4kc.org/apply> or register over the phone at (616) 453-4145.

### Grand Rapids Community College TRIO/Student Support Services

GRCC TRIO/Student Support Services works with students who are first-generation college students and meet federal income guidelines. The goal is

to help students succeed at GRCC and transfer to the college or university of their choice. For more information: <https://www.grcc.edu/students/student-support-services/about-trio>

### Kent ISD Adult Education

The Kent Intermediate School District offers adult education that includes High School Completion, GED Preparation and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. For more information, call (616) 364-1333 or visit: <https://www.kentisd.org/students/adult-education>

## Quarterly Quotes

“Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts.”  
- Winston Churchill

“You must tell yourself, ‘No matter how hard it is, or how hard it gets, I’m going to make it.’”  
- Les Brown

## REGISTER NOW FOR DECEMBER HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM ORIENTATION MEETING

Registration for the GRHC’s December 14 Section 8 Homeownership Program Orientation Meeting is now open! The virtual meeting will start at 2:00 p.m., and a meeting link will be sent to you via email after you’ve registered.

For more information and a link to the meeting registration form: <https://www.grhousing.org/homeownership-program.php>



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## GRHC Seeks Resident to Serve on Governing Board

The GRHC invites residents of our housing programs to apply to join the volunteer board that oversees our programs and services. Applications to fill one resident seat on the Grand Rapids Housing Commission governing board will be accepted until the vacancy is filled.

The Housing Commission meets on the third Tuesday evening of each month at the Campau Commons Community Center located at 821 South Division Avenue (Division at Franklin).

The Housing Commission appointment will be made by Grand Rapids City Manager Mark Washington and will be approved by the Grand Rapids City Commission.

The Housing Commission Board Application is available online at [www.grhousing.org](http://www.grhousing.org), or scan the QR code below:



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## Mental Health Resources

When a mental health crisis occurs, family and friends often don't know what to do. If you are worried that someone is in or nearing a mental health crisis, there are several helplines available that offer free and confidential support.

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
- National Texting Helpline, text "TALK" to 741741
- Texting Helpline for Veterans: text 838255
- Helpline En Español: 1-888-628-9454

For referral support, call 2-1-1.

## Employment Opportunities from Express Jobs



Express Employment Professionals has several opportunities available for those looking for a long-term permanent job:

First Shift, 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., \$15/hour: Machine operator and assembly jobs available to workers who don't mind working with fiberglass.

Second Shift, 2:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m., \$15.75/hour: Production jobs for people who want to build hot tubs and like to work with tools.

Third Shift, 11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m., \$17.29/hour: Assembly and production jobs for people who like to work with wood.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please email your resume to Dee Brown at [dee.brown@expresspros.com](mailto:dee.brown@expresspros.com) or call her at (616) 281-0611.

To search for additional jobs available through Express Jobs: <https://jobs.expresspros.com>

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## The Rapid Bus System Begins "Mobility for All" Service Improvements

The Rapid's "Mobility for All" project has examined the entire Rapid fixed-route system, and with public input, has made some changes designed to make your commute more efficient, reliable and accessible.

The following high-demand routes now provide 15-minute service on weekdays (approximately 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.):

- Route 2 - Kalamazoo
- Route 9 - Alpine
- Route 28 - 28th Street (15-minute service starts at 10:00 a.m.)
- Route 4 - Eastern (15-minute all-day services on weekdays, entire route)

- Route 11 - Plainfield now offers 15-minute all-day service on weekdays; the route also now serves the Meijer on Plainfield Avenue north of 4 Mile Road
- Route 44 - 44th Street now provides Sunday service

For complete route information: <https://www.ridetherapid.org/>